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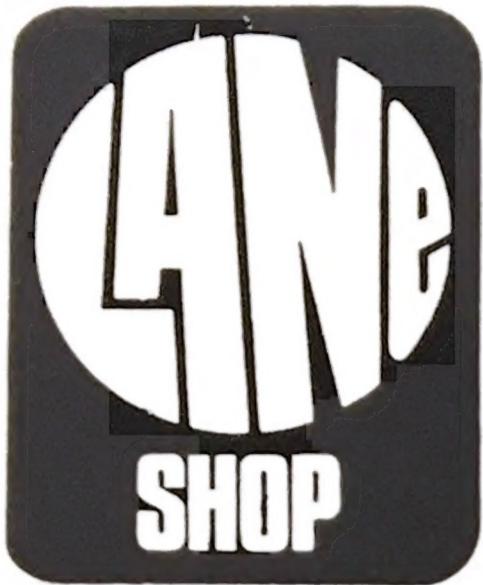
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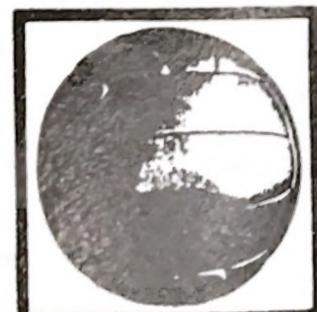
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Peter's Points

Peter Howard
The Star & Green'Un

IT is not a new topic, and it is bound to crop up time and again, yet this question of player-supporter relationship continues to fascinate me.

And in saying that Sheffield United haven't looked so "pressurised" away from home, compared with recent home matches, this is in no way intended as a reflection on Lane regulars.

It is true, and I'm sure close study of results will reveal this, that clubs fighting for a championship or promotion, or struggling to avoid relegation, find it harder to win at home than used to be the case.

After the West Ham United match—when not losing was a consolation to the Blades—they looked a different team at Crystal Palace the following match.

And, had they revealed in the first half the form and flair shown at Palace, I'm sure they would have returned from Goodison Park with something.

Because Everton did not look convincing. They seemed scared stiff of the Goodison fans reaction. Most of their players seemed to be looking over their shoulders, wondering about reaction if there was a mistake.

Now United are at home again, eager to please against Derby County this afternoon . . . and I hope the Blades are not looking over their shoulders!

It is difficult to know where the line lies between the supporter's traditional right to express annoyance, when he feels it, and the more positive desire to encourage his team.

Supporters need plenty to shout about

United need points, and are well aware of this very basic fact. I don't think they will go down, but, in common with everyone else, I'll be delighted when this, too, is a fact.

Obviously supporters don't want the team to go down, so perhaps now, more than ever, is the time for patience. Players are more likely to respond to encouragement, rather than abuse.

I agree it is a two-way affair. Supporters need plenty to shout about and pay good money in the hope they will get value.

Players need encouragement, as an artist needs applause or a painter needs recognition.

You can manage without it, of course. Some players—but from my experience they are few—can shut their ears to either pungent criticism or praise.

I think the vast majority of players welcome the full-throated backing of a crowd and find it more than an inspiration, and this goes for every team.

United face yet another stiff match this afternoon against Derby County.

I hope, at the finish, that Blades players and supporters are delighted with each other!

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F.A. YOUTH CUP

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Chatter

There's plenty of cause for optimism — ask Palace

IT IS an unfortunate fact of life that when luck is really needed, when players are desperately trying to turn the tide and when a team struggles manfully to fight back, fate can often be unkind. We deserved at least a share of the points at Goodison Park. In spite of the handicap of only having ten men our lads overcame Everton's use of the extra player and actually took control of the game for 20 minutes or so. The referee did not see a handling offence before Everton scored. Bill Dearden rattled the crossbar—two inches lower and the ball would have been in the net—and the rebound came fractionally too high for Jime Bone, scorer of our goal, to nod into the empty net.

Jim is fitting in well and, picking up the goals is justifying his transfer here. And to think that some of the wags among our supporters were saying that the club had bought an expensive Bone!

There is still optimism here because everyone knows their capabilities. It was a great win at Selhurst Park and the critics agreed that the margin did not flatter us. We had so much of the play the scoreline failed to reflect the extent of our superiority against a side which cost a great deal more than ours. It lifted our spirits as well as our position in the League. Much still has to be

done, but we have the players and the ability to do it. What is more, we have some up-and-coming youngsters who can form the nucleus of our premier team in the future.

We have been proud of the way in which our juniors have met the challenge of the F.A. Youth Cup. It was by no means the easiest of games against Bristol City at Bramall Lane last week. Our youngsters conducted themselves well and, despite twice being a goal down, fought back to get on level terms and be able to earn a visit to Ashton Gate on Wednesday night with the position all square.

That, of course, is still the position following the second leg in which no goals were scored. The tie has to be replayed on a neutral ground. In spite of City wanting extra time there and then Mr. Harris was quite within his rights in insisting on another game and this was endorsed by the Chairman of the F.A. Youth Cup Committee, Mr. George Harbor. So we still have to wait to know who meets Ipswich in the final.

The signing from Crewe Alexandra of 20-year-old Terry Nicholl is regarded as an investment for the future. It is known that several other clubs had been watching him. We stepped in and feel we have made a good move.

Like his brother, Chris., with Aston Villa, Terry entered football later than many players. They were not apprentices to the game but showed potential a few years behind some others. Ability will come to the fore and sometimes it helps when there is some maturity with it.

Newspaper reports that our new ground development plans include the provision of a moat, as do South American stadiums, may have caused some surprise. Let us reassure you at once. It is not to prevent you, our fans, from getting at the players. It is merely to have a ground which will meet European football. That is something in which we hope to participate at some time in the future. When the pitch is moved there will be ample room for the dry moat around the playing area. Spectators will have the same view as at present.

This is much better than having wire netting which restricts the view from the terraces, though this is to be seen on many grounds in Europe. While we are about it, we want to see that Bramall Lane is brought up to the specifications required.

Though we have met today's visitors, Derby County, a total of 71 times in the League since 1893, in only five seasons have we clashed in Division Two. Since our return to the First Division we have lost all three matches played and conceded nine goals to only one scored by us. We have won 29 of the League encounters and County 30.

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Down Memory Lane

Keith Farnsworth·Morning Telegraph Sports Editor

A history of Sheffield United's league performances

BELOW we print two more results panels which trace Sheffield United's performances in the Football League—this time for seasons 1936-37 and 1937-38.

By the side of the season at the top of each panel is given the number of seasons United had spent in the League at that time. The figure in brackets after the Division is the number of seasons in that grade. The club's final position is also shown above the panels and the brackets alongside the opponents indicate the position in which that club finished the season.

1936-1937 (41)

DIVISION TWO (4)

Final position: 7

H A

Aston Villa (9)	Oct. 31, 5-1	Mar. 6, 1-2
Barnsley (14)	Sept. 19, 2-0	Jan. 23, 1-1
Blackburn (12)	Aug. 31, 0-1	Sept. 21, 1-3
Blackpool (2)	Oct. 10, 2-2	Feb. 13, 0-1
Bradford City (21)	Feb. 27, 3-1	Oct. 24, 2-3
Bradford P.A. (20)	Jan. 9, 3-0	Sept. 12, 3-0
Burnley (13)	Apr. 24, 1-1	Dec. 19, 0-1
Bury (3)	Dec. 25, 1-0	Dec. 28, 0-2
Chesterfield (15)	Mar. 13, 5-0	Nov. 7, 2-2
Coventry (8)	Nov. 28, 2-2	Apr. 3, 0-2
Doncaster (22)	Apr. 10, 3-1	Dec. 5, 1-1
Fulham (11)	Dec. 12, 2-0	Apr. 17, 0-4
Leicester (1)	Jan. 1, 3-1	Mar. 29, 2-1
Newcastle (4)	Sept. 5, 2-1	Jan. 2, 0-4
Norwich (17)	Dec. 26, 2-0	Aug. 29, 1-1
Nottm. Forest (19)	Nov. 14, 4-1	Mar. 20, 1-1
Plymouth (5)	Mar. 27, 2-0	Nov. 21, 0-2
Southampton (18)	Feb. 11, 0-0	Sept. 26, 0-4
Swansea (16)	Oct. 17, 1-0	Feb. 25, 1-2
Tottenham (10)	Feb. 6, 3-2	Oct. 3, 2-2
West Ham (6)	Sept. 14, 2-0	May 1, 0-1

1937-1938 (42)

DIVISION TWO (5)

Final position: 3

H A

Aston Villa (1)	Apr. 9, 0-0	Nov. 27, 0-1
Barnsley (21)	Jan. 29, 6-3	Sept. 18, 1-1
Blackburn (16)	Oct. 9, 1-1	Feb. 19, 3-2
Bradford City (7)	Nov. 20, 3-1	Apr. 2, 1-5
Burnley (6)	Sept. 20, 2-1	Sept. 13, 0-2
Bury (10)	Sept. 6, 2-1	Aug. 30, 0-1
Chesterfield (11)	Nov. 6, 0-2	Mar. 19, 0-1
Coventry (4)	Dec. 25, 3-2	Dec. 27, 2-2
Fulham (8)	Oct. 23, 2-1	Mar. 5, 1-1
Luton (12)	Sept. 11, 2-0	Feb. 2, 3-2
Manchester Utd. (2)	Feb. 17, 1-2	Oct. 2, 1-0
Newcastle (19)	Jan. 15, 4-0	Sept. 4, 0-6
Norwich (14)	Dec. 4, 4-1	Apr. 16, 2-2
Nottm. Forest (20)	Aug. 28, 2-1	Jan. 1, 1-2
Plymouth (13)	Mar. 12, 0-0	Oct. 30, 0-2
Sheffield Wed. (17)	Feb. 26, 2-1	Oct. 16, 1-0
Southampton (15)	Dec. 18, 5-0	Apr. 30, 1-2
Stockport (22)	Sept. 25, 2-0	Feb. 5, 1-1
Swansea (18)	Mar. 28, 1-1	Nov. 13, 5-3
Tottenham (5)	Apr. 18, 1-0	Apr. 15, 2-1
West Ham (9)	Apr. 23, 3-1	Dec. 11, 2-0

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Pictures



A new picture of the Blades—including our two recent signings, Jim Bone and Terry Nicholl
Back row, from the left: Mick Speight, Ian Mackenzie, Tony Currie, Tom McAlister, John Connah
Middle row: Alan Woodward, Bill Dearden, Jim Bone, Eddie Colquhoun, Keith Eddy, Steve Gou...
Front row: Terry Nicholl, Geoff Salmons, David Ford, David Staniforth, Stewart Scullion.





Bad luck for Bill Dearden as his header is scrambled off West Ham's goal line in our recent League match at the Lane.

hton, John Flynn, Ted Hemsley, Len Badger.
ng.



23,540 Thank you's

Len was overwhelmed by the crowd and the reception he received at his Testimonial Match last Tuesday night. A perfect day, weatherwise, was followed by a highly entertaining match—and Len once again thanks sincerely everyone who helped to make last Tuesday such a big success.





Statistics

results·scorers·appearances

Monday, 12th March, 1973

F.A. YOUTH CUP—Semi-final First Leg

SHEFFIELD UNITED 2 BRISTOL CITY 2

SHEFFIELD UNITED: Conroy (S.), Allen, Ludlam, Brooks, Faulkner, Hicken, Conroy (M.), Marsh, France, Ward, Williams. Sub.: Pymm.

Scorers: Faulkner, France.

BRISTOL CITY: Wardle, Rodgers, Milne, Harding, Crowley, Brown, McNeil, Collier, Lee, Prue, Sear.

Scorers: Rodgers, Collier.

Number indicates pos. played

Small Figs. indicate goals scored

S indicates Substitute

	Result	League P.	Badger	Bone	Cammack	Colquhoun	Currie	Dearden	Eddy	Flynn	Ford	Goulding	Hemsley	Hockey	Holmes	Mackenzie	McAlister	Ogden	Salmons	Scullion	Speight	Staniforth	Woodward	Att'dance	
Goals Scored to Date																									
Appearances to Date		35	4	4	40	40	36	17	33	10	22	42	28	7	15	43	3	24	11	7	8	40			
Aug. 12 Birmingham City	2-1					5		9	10			2	3	6		4	1		8	11				7¹	37,045
15 Leeds United	0-2					5		9	10			2	3	6		4	1		8	11				7	40,159
19 Newcastle U.	1-2					5		9	10			2	3	6		4	1		8	1				7	23,708
23 Stoke City	2-2	14			9	5	10			4		2	3	6				1	8				7	20,402	
26 West Brom. A.	2-0	11			9¹	5	10			4		2	3	6				1	8				7¹	15,693	
29 Ipswich Town	0-0	10			9	5	10			4		2	3	6				1	8				7	23,522	
Sept. 2 Southampton	3-1	9				5	10	9¹		4		2	3	6				1	8				7¹	18,758	
6 Workington T. (LC)	1-0	9				5	10	9¹		4		2	3	6				1	8				11	7	7,188
9 Norwich City	1-1	8	8				10	9¹		4		2	3	6				5	1		11		7	22,449	
16 Chelsea	2-1	8	8			5	10	9¹		4	11	2	3	6				1					7¹	24,458	
19 West Brom (Tex)	1-1	8	8		9	5	10¹			4	11	2	3	6			S	1				7	13,381		
23 Liverpool	0-5	10	8			5	10	9		4		2	3	6				1	7					42,940	
26 West Brom (Tex)	0-1	10	8			5	10			4	11	2	3	6				1					7	8,430	
30 Manchester U.	1-0	9	8			5	10	9		4		2	3	6				1					7¹	37,347	
Oct. 3 Charlton A. (LC)	0-0	9	8			5	10	9		4	11	2	3	6			S	1				7	12,113		
7 Arsenal	1-0	7	8			5	10	9¹		4		2	3	6				1					7	24,478	
10 Charlton A. (LC)	2-2	7	8			5	10¹	9		4		2	3	6	11			1					7¹	13,057	
14 West Ham United	1-3	8	8			5	10			4		2	3	6	11			1					7	25,379	
21 Everton	0-1	11	8			5	10			4	S	2	3	6	11			1					6	7	22,946
23 Charlton A. (LC)	1-0	11	8			5	10	9¹	6	4	11	2	3		S	1							7	11,601	
28 Derby County	1-2	12	8			5	10¹	9	6	4		2	3				1						11	7	30,929
31 Arsenal (LC)	1-2	12	8			5	10	9		4		2	3¹	6			1						11	7	20,128
Nov. 4 Stoke City	0-0	13	2			5	10	9			11		3	6		4	1						8	7	19,323
11 Leeds United	1-2	14	2			5	10	9		11		3	6		4	1	S						8¹	7	35,600
18 Coventry City	0-3	16	2			5	10	9		11		3	6	S	4	1							8	7	22,010

Gilbert Reece (Cardiff City) made seven appearances and scored two goals. Alan Warboys (Bristol Rovers) made eight appearances.

Saturday, 10th March, 1973

LEAGUE DIVISION 1

SHEFFIELD UNITED 0 WEST HAM UNITED 0

SHEFFIELD UNITED: McAlister, Badger, Hemsley, Flynn, Colquhoun, Eddy, Woodward, Salmons, Dearden, Currie, Bone. Sub.: Speight.

WEST HAM: Ferguson, McDowell, Lampard, Bonds, Taylor, Moore, Best, Lock, McDougall, Brooking, Robson. Sub.: Holland.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

BLACKPOOL 0 SHEFFIELD UNITED 2

BLACKPOOL: Borridge, Curtis, Hardcastle, Barton, Suddards, Simpkin, Walsh, Moore, Parker, McGrotty, Tully. Sub.: Corridgin.

SHEFFIELD UNITED: Connaughton, Goulding Ogden, Mackenzie, Faulkner, Coxon, Holmes, Staniforth, Scullion, Ford, Nicholls. Sub.: Cammack. Scorers: Faulkner, Scullion.

Tuesday, 13th March, 1973

LEAGUE DIVISION 1

CRYSTAL PALACE 0 SHEFFIELD UNITED 1

CRYSTAL PALACE: Jackson, Payne, Roffey, Phillip, Bell, Blyth, Whittle, Cook, Craven, Taylor, Rogers. Sub.: Possee.

SHEFFIELD UNITED: McAlister, Badger, Hemsley, Mackenzie Colquhoun, Eddy, Woodward, Salmons, Dearden, Currie, Bone. Scorer: Dearden.

Saturday, 17th March, 1973

LEAGUE DIVISION 1

EVERTON 2 SHEFFIELD UNITED 1

EVERTON: Lawson, Wright, Styles, Hurst, Kenyon, Bernard, Husband, Kendall, Lyons, Harper, Connolly. Sub.: Darracott. Scorers: Lyons, Harper.
SHEFFIELD UNITED: McAlister, Badger, Hemsley, Mackenzie Colquhoun, Eddy, Woodward, Salmons, Dearden, Currie, Bone. Sub.: Goulding. Scorer: Bone.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

SHEFFIELD UNITED 1 DERBY COUNTY 1

SHEFFIELD UNITED: Connaughton, Ludlam, Ogden, Speight, Faulkner, Coxon, Cammack, Nicholl, Staniforth, Scullion, Ford. Sub.: Holmes. Scorer: Ford.

Scorer: Ford.

DERBY COUNTY: Mosley, Lewis, Blair, Mason, Bailey, Parry, Bourne, Simms, Rowland, Daniel, Walker. Sub: Thompson. Scorer: Bourne.

Wednesday, 21st March, 1973 **Attendance: 7906**

F.A. YOUTH CUP—Semi-final Second Leg

BRISTOL CITY 0 SHEFFIELD UNITED 0

BRISTOL CITY: Wardle, Rogers, Milne, Harding, Crowley, Brown, McNeil, Collier, Lee, Prue, Fear. Sub.: Snedden

Sub.: Sheeffer
SHEFFIELD, JIN

SHEFFIELD UNITED: Conroy (S.), Allen, Ludlam, Brooks, Faulkner, Hicken, Conroy (M.), Marsh, France, Ward, Williams.

Number indicates pos. played

Small Figs. indicate goals scored

S indicates Substitute



FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Up to and including Tuesday, 20th March

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	34	14	1	1	38	17	7	7	4	23	18	50
Arsenal	34	13	4	1	29	12	7	4	5	19	19	48
Leeds	31	13	3	1	35	11	5	5	4	21	22	44
Ipswich	33	9	5	3	20	16	7	5	4	18	17	42
Newcastle	34	11	4	2	31	15	4	5	8	22	26	39
Wolves	33	10	2	5	32	20	5	6	5	20	22	38
West Ham	34	10	4	3	37	19	3	5	9	16	25	35
Derby Co.	34	12	2	3	23	16	2	5	10	9	32	35
Tottenham	32	8	2	5	24	15	5	6	6	20	20	34
Coventry	32	8	5	4	24	18	4	4	7	11	16	33
Southampton	34	7	9	1	20	11	2	6	9	14	27	33
Chelsea	32	6	6	4	24	17	3	7	6	17	24	31
Man. City	33	9	4	2	27	13	2	5	11	18	38	31
Leicester	34	6	7	4	20	16	2	6	9	15	26	29
Everton	32	7	3	7	22	19	3	5	7	9	15	28
Sheffield U.	34	7	4	6	17	14	3	4	10	18	35	28
Birmingham	34	6	6	3	26	17	2	5	12	11	31	27
Man. Utd.	33	7	6	4	20	17	1	4	11	14	37	26
Stoke	33	6	7	2	27	14	2	2	14	19	33	25
Crystal Pal.	32	6	6	5	21	16	1	5	9	12	24	25
Norwich	33	5	9	4	18	16	3	0	12	10	33	25
West Brom.	33	6	5	4	17	18	1	3	14	11	32	22

A 'Hope' of the future

A pleasant change from the business of football—this charming picture of John and Alison Hope's 4½-month-old son—Christopher Jon



Wolverhampton Wanderers

Founded in 1877, Wolves were the founder members of the Football League in 1888.

How to get there

The Molineux Grounds are situated on the north-west side of Wolverhampton, close to the town centre. If approaching Wolverhampton by road from the north along Waterloo Road (A449) the ground is on the left. It is within easy walking distance of the town centre and Wolverhampton High Level Station.

There are the usual ground catering facilities; drinks are available from various bars.

There is an interesting souvenir shop to be found at the ground, called "The Lair".

Parking facilities

Adequate car parking around the ground is clearly marked by police notices, all within easy walking distance.

A new car park is situated at the rear of the Molineux Hotel. Drive on Waterloo Road, turn right at Molineux Street, and the car park entrance adjoins the Fox Hotel.

Tickets: 85p; available one month prior to each fixture from Wolverhampton Wanderers F.C., Molineux Grounds, Wolverhampton, WV1 4QR.

Manchester City

Founded through amalgamation of Garton Athletic and West Garton in 1887, the club played as Ardwick from 1887-94. Joined the Second Division of the Football League in 1892, adopting the title of Manchester City F.C. in 1894.

How to get there

Maine Road is approximately two miles due south of Victoria Station. Two major roads, Wilmslow Road (A34) and Princess Road (A5103) run parallel to the east and west of the ground. Approaching from the north on Princess Road, turn left into Bowes Road, cross Broadfield Road with Edith Avenue to Lloyd Street South. The roads facing, both left and right, lead to Maine Road. From the Wilmslow Rd., turn right into Claremont Rd. Special football buses are run by the Manchester Corporation from Aytoun Street, Piccadilly, in the city centre, starting 1½ hours before kick-off time.

Parking facilities

A large number of streets in the immediate vicinity of the ground are available for free parking on match days. There is also a large car park at Kippax Street. The Maine Road car park is for ticket holders only.

Tickets: 70p, 80p and £1; available 12 days in advance of each fixture from Manchester City F.C., Maine Road, Moss Side, Manchester, M14 7WM.

Supporters' Club travel arrangements



WOLVERHAMPTON, Saturday, 31st March

Depart from the Lane Shop, John Street, at 11.00 a.m.
Return 5.00 p.m. to the Lane Social Club

Fare: 90p

MANCHESTER CITY, Saturday, 14th April

Depart from the Lane Shop, John Street, at 12.00 noon
Return 5.00 p.m. to the Lane Social Club

Minimum deposit 50%. Members may book at the Supporters Club Room at the rear of the Lane Shop, John Street, or at the Lane Social Club. New members are most welcome.

Lane Personality: TERRY NICHOLL

TERRY is another rugby player whose first love was soccer. When 14 or 15 he had half a season playing for Stockport Boys but his Grammar School did not like the clash with the rugby he played there, so he had to give up his soccer. Fortunately, this was only temporary. Originally, he played with his Primary School as a forward, but at the Grammar School he was rugby scrum-half.

He got three "O" levels and was studying for his O.N.C. in mechanical engineering at Technical School and that is something he hopes to continue in Sheffield. Terry went for a trial with Crewe from local football and for a season was in the reserve side, then joined the ground staff. When he made his League début he was still an amateur.

"I played up front as a striker, though I usually was in midfield. I don't mind which role it is", he said. "I have found the game much different here from Crewe. I have about fifty Fourth Division games behind me. But I was surprised at the standard of play, even in the Central League. It seems that bit quicker and the players are sharp. Of course, there are First Division players all around me, often on both sides, and it must bring me on. It was a surprise, coming to Bramall Lane. I had a telegram to contact manager Jimmy Melia and I came to Sheffield next day. It was sudden. But I'm settling in OK. I feel there is a future for me here. I owe Crewe a lot and, though they were 92nd in the Football League, right on the bottom, I wouldn't swap that experience."

Terry comes from a sporting family. His brother is Chris. Nicholl, of Aston Villa; one sister, Pat, aged

22, is a P.E. instructor at a Nottinghamshire Comprehensive School and the other, Elizabeth, aged 16, likes to watch him play. He helps run a lads' football team at Wilmslow on Sundays and enjoys most sports as well as collecting records, mostly progressive music.



Forthcoming matches

CENTRAL LEAGUE

UNITED versus

Aston Villa

Saturday, 31st March

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

UNITED versus

Manchester United

Tuesday, 3rd April

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

League Div. 1

UNITED versus

Crystal Palace

Saturday, 7th April

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Harold Martin looks at **Opponents**

The champions keep hitting the headlines

THERE are not many days when Derby County are out of the news headlines. Just before the present season began the Football League confirmed that a £5,000 fine had been inflicted on the club following an inquiry by a Commission into the circumstances of Ian Moore's apparent transfer from Nottingham Forest a year ago. Since then have come reports that manager Brian Clough was preparing to leave, that he and assistant manager Peter Taylor had signed a new five-year contract, that County made a profit of more than £27,000 last season, excluding £60,000 from Promotions, and the creating of a British record transfer fee last August when David Nish came from Leicester City for £225,000.

The newspaper stories about the League Champions never seem to cease. And, of course, it can hardly be said that Mr. Clough himself is not publicity-minded. What he has achieved in five years is remarkable. When he arrived at the Baseball Ground, County were an ordinary club toiling at the task of getting out of Division Two. Not only did they top the League last season, but their second string also won the Central League, an indication that plenty of talent is there waiting to be tapped.

Recently, there has been some criticism that Derby have put their European Cup commitments before League games. But there is no doubt this is now an outfit always to be

treated with respect. Like others, they have found that everyone else takes delight in trying to beat the Champions.

Last August Mr. Clough told the national Press, "I don't always know if I'm right. But I think I am. So don't knock me for saying it". He has been proved right on so many occasions. And he's honest. He said County had only 12 or 13 players up to the level required to win the League title and that they were lucky to avoid injury problems.

Players have left. On 22nd December last, 22-year-old England Under-23 international full-back John Robson, who played 41 times during the Championship-winning campaign, went to Aston Villa for a reported £90,000 fee. Reserve striker Barry Butlin was transferred to Luton for around £50,000 at the end of November.

Still scoring goals are Roy McFarland and Alan Hinton. McFarland got two of three when they beat Manchester United. Hinton, who scored the other, got one of the two which beat West Brom., from the penalty spot. McFarland is regarded as one of Mr. Clough's biggest bargain buys. He cost a mere £24,000 when he came from Tranmere Rovers in August, 1967. He became the County's skipper and England's centre-half.

Last year, Leeds-born Kevin Hector became one of the select band of footballers who have scored 200 goals in the Football League. He got 113 of them while playing with Bradford, from where he came in 1966. A former player who also held the distinction of scoring a double-century of goals is his manager, Mr. Clough.

Sharing the scoring against Crystal Palace was Steve Powell who, at the age of 16, was plunged into Derby's important game with Liverpool on 1st May last year. He had just one other League outing in midfield the previous October. Son of former County winger Tony Powell, he is a former England Schoolboys' captain. Recently, however, the limelight has fallen on Roger Davies, picked up for £14,000 from non-Leaguers Worcester City, who has been scoring prolifically.

In 1969 County, fresh from the Second Division, qualified for a place in Europe by finishing fourth in Division One. But a Football League Commission into administrative irregularities barred them from playing abroad for a year. Few will blame them for wanting to make their presence felt this time, particularly when they have eyes on a return to Europe and are smarting over their dismissal from the F.A. Cup by Leeds United last week.

Biographies

Former Cheltenham police cadet **COLIN BOULTON** changed his career to become a footballer. Joined Derby in 1964, following a trial and has done well since securing a regular place two years ago.

The longest-serving player with the club, **RON WEBSTER**, has successfully switched to right-back from wing-half. He hails from Belper.

England Youth and Under-23 international **DAVID NISH** was the youngest skipper in an F.A. Cup Final. When he came from Leicester City on 24th August he cost a record British fee of £225,000.

The Welsh international, **ALAN DURBAN**, who has made nearly 350 appearances for The Rams, came from Cardiff City in 1963 at the bargain figure of £10,000.

Starting with Tranmere Rovers, then moving on to Liverpool, **ROY McFARLAND** went to the Baseball Ground in 1967 for

£24,500. After Under-23 appearances, became England's regular No. 5. Succeeded Dave Mackay as club captain.

Surprise signing by Mr. Clough was 26-year-old midfield man **TONY PARRY** from Hartlepool in January last year. Born at Burton-on-Trent, where he has played for his local club.

Another player spotted at Hartlepool was **JOHN McGOVERN**, who cost a modest £7,000 and missed only three League games Montrose.

last season. A Scotsman from Former Sunderland and England Under-23 international **COLIN TODD** came in February, 1971, for £170,000, and has proved his value.

A prolific goal-scorer is **ALAN HINTON**, the former Wolves and England player who came from nearby Nottingham Forest for £30,000 in September, 1967.

A bag of 44 goals in one season for Bradford Park Avenue

brought the limelight to **KEVIN HECTOR** and County paid a then record £40,000 for him. He was born in Leeds. Scored a total of 113 with Bradford. Hat-trick last month against Q.P.R.

Scottish international **ARCHIE GEMMILL** came from Preston North End in September, 1970, for £60,000. Was formerly with St. Mirren. Is only 5' 5", but makes up for it in ability.

A £14,000 buy from Worcester City, whom he joined via the Midland Combination, **ROGER DAVIES** scored a hat-trick against Spurs at White Hart Lane to give Derby victory in extra time in the F.A. Cup Fourth Round replay.

The Youth international **STEVE POWELL** has been seen at the Lane against the Spanish Youth team. He's a former captain of England Boys.

Another international from north of the border, **JOHN O'HARE**, was Mr. Clough's first signing from Sunderland.

Lane Social Club

offers the following:

LOUNGE BAR

BIER KELLER

TUDOR ROOM

RESTAURANT

SAUNA BATH AND KEEP-FIT

KARATE Monday and Wednesday nights

The Thompson Trio Entertain

Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the

Tudor Room

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Score Check

	HT	FT
Red Indicator		
A Nottm. F. v Sheffield Wed.		
B Birmingham v Coventry		
C Crystal Palace v West Ham		
D Ipswich v Everton		
E Leeds v Wolves		
F Leicester v Stoke		
G Liverpool v Norwich		
H Manchester City v Arsenal		
I Newcastle v Chelsea		
J Tottenham v Manchester U.		
K West Brom. v Southampton		
L Brighton v Swindon		
M Burnley v Millwall		
N Fulham v Sunderland		
White Indicator		
A Coventry Res. v United Res.		
B Luton v Bristol City		
C Middlesbrough v Aston Villa		
D Orient v Huddersfield		
E Portsmouth v Carlisle		
F Preston v Cardiff		
G Q.P.R. v Blackpool		
H Bournemouth v Grimsby		
I Chesterfield v Shrewsbury		
J Port Vale v Notts. Co.		
K Scunthorpe v Rotherham		
L Barnsley v Aldershot		
M Mansfield v Colchester		
N Hereford v Peterborough		

Sheffield United

- 1 Tom McALISTER
- 2 Len BADGER
- 3 Ted HEMSLEY
- 4 Ian MACKENZIE
- 5 Eddie COLQUHOUN
- 6 Keith EDDY
- 7 Alan WOODWARD
- 8 Geoff SALMONS
- 9 Bill DEARDEN
- 10 Tony CURRIE
- 11 Jim BONE
- 12

Derby County

- 1 Colin BOULTON
- 2 Ron WEBSTER
- 3 David NISH
- 4 John O'HARE
- 5 Roy McFARLAND
- 6 Colin TODD
- 7 John McGOVERN
- 8 Archie GEMMILL
- 9 Roger DAVIES
- 10 Kevin HECTOR
- 11 Alan HINTON
- 12 Alan DURBAN

Referee: A. W. S. JONES (Ormskirk)

Linesmen:

Red Flag, A. HARRISON (Goole)
Orange Flag, D. WELSBY (Wigan)

Today's referee, ARTHUR JONES, was the president of the Association of Football Referees and Linesmen in 1969. He is a buying controller. Lists gymnastics as one of his hobbies. Became a League referee in 1962 after graduating through the Liverpool League, Liverpool County Combination and the Central League.